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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, January 20, 1930.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, Dan Moody, Governor of Texas, convening the Forty-first Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the 20th day of January, 1930, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall and at 12 o'clock m. the House was called to order by Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker.

Speaker Barron then directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Forbes.
Acker.	Gates.
Ackerman.	Gilbert.
Adkins.	Giles.
Albritton.	Graves
Anderson.	of Williamson.
Avis.	Graves of Erath.
Baker.	Hardy.
Baldwin.	Harding.
Barnett.	Harman.
Bateman.	Harper.
Beck.	Harrison.
Bounds.	Hefley.
Bradley.	Hines.
Brice.	Hogg.
Brooks.	Holder.
Carpenter.	Hopkins.
Chastain.	Hornaday.
Coltrin.	Jenkins.
Conway.	Johnson
Cox of Lamar.	of Dallam.
Cox of Limestone.	Johnson of
Davis.	Dimmit.
DeWolfe.	Johnson of Smith.
Dunlap.	Jones.
Duvall.	Justiss.
Enderby.	Kayton.
Eickenroht.	Keeton.
Farrar.	Keller.
Finlay.	Kennedy.

King.	Purl.
Lee.	Quinn.
Lemens.	Ray.
Long of Wichita.	Reader.
Loy.	Renfro.
Magee.	Richardson.
Mankin.	Rountree.
Marks.	Sanders.
Martin.	Savage.
Maynard.	Shaver.
McCombs.	Shelton.
McGill.	Speck.
Mehl.	Stevenson.
Metcalfe.	Storey.
Moore.	Tillotson.
Morse.	Turner.
Mullally.	Van Zandt.
Murphy.	Veatch.
Negley.	Wallace.
Nicholson.	Walters.
Olsen.	Webb.
O'Neill.	West.
Palmer.	Westbrook.
Patterson.	Williams
Pavlica.	of Travis.
Petsch.	Woodruff.
Pool.	Young.
Prendergast.	

Absent.

Allred.	Riley.
Kincaid.	Rogers.
Kinnear.	Sherrill.
Land.	Simmons.
Long of Houston.	Sinks.
McKean.	Tarwater.
Montgomery.	Warwick.
Mosely.	Wiggs.
Pope of Nueces.	Williams
Reid.	of Hardin.

Absent—Excused.

Bond.	McDonald.
Ewing.	Minor.
Finn.	Pope of Jones.
Fuchs.	Snelgrove.
Heaton.	Stephens.
Hubbard.	Strong.
Johnson of Scurry.	Thompson.
Kemble.	Waddell.
Kenyon.	Williams
Mauritz.	of Sabine.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was then offered by Rev.
J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Kemble and Mr. Thompson for today, on motion of Mr. Morse.

Mr. Bond for today, on motion of Mr. Metcalfe.

Mr. Heaton for today, on motion of Mr. Metcalfe.

Mr. Minor for today, on motion of Mr. Loy.

Mr. Williams of Sabine for today, on motion of Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Waddell for today, on motion of Mr. Eickenroht.

Mr. Snelgrove for today, on motion of Mr. Graves of Erath.

Mr. Johnson of Scurry for today, on motion of Mr. Van Zandt.

Mr. Pope of Jones for today, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Mauritz for today, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Finn for today, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Hubbard for today, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Warwick and Mr. Sinks for today, on motion of Mr. Young.

Mr. Keeton for today, on motion of Mr. Young.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. McDonald for today, on motion of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Ewing for today and balance of the session, on motion of Mr. Renfro.

Mr. Kenyon for today and balance of the week, on motion of Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Strong for today and balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Ray.

Mr. Stephens for today, on motion of Mr. Brice.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following proclamation by the Governor:

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas.

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, The Forty-first Legislature, at its Second Called Session, passed

Senate bill No. 49, authorizing and directing the Prison Board, together with four members of the Senate, selected by the Lieutenant Governor, and five members of the House of Representatives, selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and known as the Texas Prison Centralization Commission, to make a complete investigation of all matters pertaining to the centralization and relocation of the prison system of this State and the rehabilitation thereof; and further authorizing and directing the said Commission to submit to the Legislature of Texas a plan, or plans, for the location or centralization of the prison system of Texas, showing in detail itemized estimates of the cost of such system, or systems, and an analysis of the operating expense and estimated returns. Said act came before the Senate and House in the form of a report of a conference committee and was adopted by each branch of the Texas Legislature by a unanimous vote; and

Whereas, Said Texas Prison Centralization Commission has completed its investigations and prepared and presented to me its majority and minority reports, and the same are ready for presentation to the Legislature; and

Whereas, The physical properties now constituting the Texas prison system are of such a nature as to make impossible the efficient operation of a modern penal institution, and are responsible for the failure of the prison system to accomplish the major and more important purposes of such an institution; and the nature of said properties is such as to encourage the escape of inmates, and the attempted operation of said properties as a prison system has constituted a continuous and expensive drain upon the resources of this State for years; and

Whereas, The need of reformation and reorganization of said prison system is an emergency, as is recognized by the Legislature in said bill above referred to, wherein it is stated that "the fact that the urgent and vital necessity of establishing in this State a modern, efficient and adequate system is apparent to all, and that it is imperative in the creation of such a system by the Legislature to have before each legislator detailed and accurate data and information which can be secured only by the passage of an act of this nature; and that it will be necessary for such Commission to begin its labors at the earliest possible date, create an emergency and an imperative public

necessity"; and humanitarian considerations, State pride and the economic welfare of the State call for a prompt solution of this public problem; and

Whereas, The Forty-first Legislature, at its Second Called Session, passed Senate concurrent resolution No. 20, providing for the appointment of a committee consisting of two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of making an investigation in reference to fees of officers, in this State, who are paid either in whole or in part under the fee bill, and to ascertain and report on the amounts earned by various officers paid on such basis, and how much they retain out of such fees or other compensation; and

Whereas, Said committee was appointed, has made the investigations contemplated by said resolution, and has prepared and presented to me its report; and

Whereas, Said report reflects certain deficiencies in our laws requiring the keeping of reports by public officers; that some county officers are receiving as much as \$22,000 net per year; that with apparent legal sanction some county officers are placing trust funds in banks and drawing and retaining interest on the daily balances thereof; that with apparent legal authority certain officers are being allowed additional compensation over and above that fixed by law; that fees in delinquent tax suits are more burdensome than just; and that certain counties are entering into contracts for the collection of delinquent taxes at unreasonable rates of compensation to the contractor, which results in imposing a burden upon the State revenues, and said committee reports that the State will lose under these extravagant contracts probably as much as one-half million dollars over and above what would be a reasonable compensation for the collection of said taxes; and

Whereas, The economic welfare of the State, and the proper dignity of Texas, require the prompt and speedy reorganization and reformation of Texas' antiquated and outworn makeshift of a prison system, and the good and well-being of the State requires that legislative attention be given to the report of said legislative committee which investigated the operation of the fee system in this State; now, therefore,

I, Dan Moody, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Forty-first Legislature to be convened in the city of Austin, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1930, for the purposes:

1. To provide for the reorganization and reformation of the Texas prison system and the improvement of the Texas prison system into a modern penal institution.

2. To consider the report of said legislative committee appointed to investigate the operation of the fee system, and the enactment of laws placing proper limits upon the fees of officers and preventing the collection of unreasonable compensation in the matters pointed out in said report.

3. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as may, from time to time during the session, be submitted by message or otherwise.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the Seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1930.

(Seal) DAN MOODY,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

The State of Texas,
Department of State.

I, Jane Y. McCallum, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas on January 14, 1930, calling a Special Session of the Forty-first Legislature to convene in the city of Austin at 12 o'clock, noon, Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1930.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the city of Austin, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1930.

(Seal) JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication from the Secretary of State:

The State of Texas,
Department of State.

I, Jane Y. McCallum, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the attached list of names represents a true and correct list of the Representatives who have been elected at special elections held since the adjournment of the Third Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, this 20th day of January, A. D. 1930.

(Signed) JANE Y. McCALLUM,
(Seal) Secretary of State.

Members of the House of Representatives of the Forty-first Legislature.

(Elected at Special Elections.)

Dist.—Name—	Date of Election.
5—J. A. Riley	8-3-29
60—Sam Houston Allred	10-22-29
94—Frank T. West	8-3-29
100—S. Bowden Farrar	12-3-29
Pl. 1	
124—Arthur C. Johnson	1-4-30

In accordance with the above communication, the Speaker appointed the following committee to escort the new members to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Ray, Coltrin, Sanders, DeWolfe, Young, Justiss, Metcalfe, Adkins, Long of Wichita and Johnson of Smith.

The committee having performed the duty, the Speaker administered the constitutional oath of office to the new members as certified to in the above communication from the Secretary of State.

Speaker Barron then introduced the new members to the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM JOE W. WHITE, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 17, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Forty-first Legislature, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: Much to my regret, I find it necessary at this time to tender to you my resignation as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Forty-first House of Representatives.

I am doing this for the reason that I am unable to be present and attend to my duties in such office at the Called Session of this Legislature, to convene on the 20th of January, 1930, and for that reason think that my resignation should be filed in order that you may put someone in my place.

I want to thank my many friends in the House, as well as the ex-members over Texas, for their kindness and courtesy to me during the past eighteen years, twelve years of which I have been your Sergeant-at-Arms by your vote, the other six years as a page, committee clerk and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. I thank you all for your votes and friendship on the numerous occasions that you have given them to me.

Again expressing my regrets that it is necessary, I wish you to please consider this as my resignation, effective at once.

With best personal wishes to each and every one of you, I am,

Yours very truly,

JOE W. WHITE.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms to succeed Joe W. White, resigned.

Mr. Sanders of Nacogdoches county nominated Randolph Roberts for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Holder of Dallas county moved that nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms be closed and that the entire vote of the House be cast by the Chief Clerk for Randolph Roberts.

The motion prevailed, and Speaker Barron declared Randolph Roberts to be the duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Randolph Roberts to the Speaker's stand so that the constitutional oath of office could be administered to him:

Messrs. Sanders, Holder and Hopkins.

The committee having performed their duty, the constitutional oath of office was then administered to him.

(Mr. McGill in the chair.)

PROVIDING FOR SUPPLIES FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be allowed \$25 for postage stamps, each member \$15, the Chief Clerk \$15, Sergeant-at-Arms \$5, the Committee on

Contingent Expenses \$10, and that the Speaker be allowed \$25 and each member \$15 for telegraph and telephone expenses, to be paid out of the contingent expense fund in the usual manner; and be it further

Resolved, That the postoffice box rent of the members of the House, the Chief Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms be paid out of the contingent expense fund; and be it further.

Resolved; That all requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills, for the Enrolling and Engrossing rooms, the minute books and blank paper for the use of committees, the letterheads, envelopes, etc., to be used by members or employes of the House, be made under the direction of the Committee on Contingent Expense.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expense be authorized to rent typewriters for the use of stenographers and Enrolling Clerk and Engrossing Clerk of the House, and to purchase typewriter ribbons, the cost to be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be custodian of the stationery and stationery supplies required by the House; that said supplies be obtained and disposed of and accounted for by the Sergeant-at-Arms, as provided by Rule 3, Section 4, of the Rules of the Thirty-third Legislature.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Finlay offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Change stamps and telephone items for members from \$15 to \$10.

Mr. Purl raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment on the ground that all amendments must be sent up in duplicate.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

EXTENDING SYMPATHY TO HON. R. B. EWING.

Mr. Kayton offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Our brother and fellow-member, R. B. Ewing, has been stricken with an illness that will prevent his attendance at this session; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Forty-first Legislature, State of Texas, in Fourth Extraordinary Session assembled, extend to said R. B. Ewing our

sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Signed—Kayton, Anderson, Williams of Hardin.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.

PROVIDING FOR HOUSE JOURNALS.

Mr. Holder offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That 1500 copies of the House Journal of each day be printed, 100 to be delivered to the Senate, one copy to be placed on each member's desk daily, three copies to be delivered to the head of each State Department, 100 copies to the State Library, and the remainder to be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution under the direction of the Speaker, and the Speaker is further authorized to order additional Journals at any time he deems it necessary.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR NEWSPAPERS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the House be allowed three newspapers per day, the expense of same to be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT READING CLERK.

Mr. Holder offered the following resolution:

In view of the fact that the Assistant Reading Clerk has resigned and furthermore, due to the fact that the work of the Special Session will probably not be heavy, be it resolved that the Speaker of the House be authorized to appoint an Assistant Reading Clerk when in his judgment such employe is necessary to carry on the proper work of the House.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employes for the Fourth Called Session of

the Forty-first Legislature, to serve for such compensation as hereafter provided:

One parliamentarian to the Speaker, \$10.00 per day.

One private secretary to the Speaker, \$7.50 per day.

One clerk for the Speaker's office, \$5.00 per day.

One porter to the Speaker, \$3.00 per day.

One secretary to the Chief Clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One clerk to the Chief Clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One clerk to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, \$7.50 per day.

One Warrant Clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One assistant to Journal Clerk, \$7.50 per day.

One assistant to Calendar Clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One assistant to Sergeant-at-Arms, \$5.00 per day.

One Doorkeeper for bar of House, \$5.00 per day.

One Sergeant-at-Arms for gallery, \$5.00 per day.

One head stenographer, \$7.50 per day.

As many expert typists as in the judgment of the Speaker are needed, \$5.00 per day.

Thirty expert stenographers, \$5.00 per day.

Three committee clerks (others to be appointed as needed), \$5.00 per day.

Four pages for doorkeepers, \$3.00 per day.

One page for engrossing and enrolling divisions, \$3.00 per day.

One page for stenographic force, \$3.00 per day.

Twenty-two pages, \$3.00 per day.

One secretary to Mr. Van Zandt of Grayson county, \$4.00 per day.

One bookkeeper to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$7.50 per day.

One storekeeper to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$4.00 per day.

One clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$4.00 per day.

One superintendent of House, \$100.00 per month.

One mailing clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One assistant mailing clerk, \$5.00 per day.

One night watchman, \$5.00 per day.

One elevator man, \$4.00 per day.

Two messengers to carry papers to Confederate Home and two to carry papers to Woman's Confederate Home, \$1.25 per day.

Fourteen porters, \$3.00 per day.

One chief operator for voting machine, \$7.50 per day.

One assistant operator for voting machine, \$5.00 per day.

One head porter, \$4.00 per day.

One telephone and telegraph clerk, \$5.00 per day.

Resolved further, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered, to dispense with the services of any employe who in his judgment is not further needed, and for misconduct of any employe; and, further, he shall have the power to appoint extra help when in his judgment it is necessary. The duties of the employes hereinbefore mentioned shall be such as are required by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Any of the employes may be excused by the Speaker for causes deemed by him sufficient; provided further, that any employe who shall be absent without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during said absence. The salaries of the employes shall begin when they are instructed to begin work by the Speaker.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEES TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE.

Mr. Holder offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees, of five members each, one to notify the Governor and the other to notify the Senate, that the House is organized and ready for business.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify Governor: Messrs. Holder, Martin, Morse, Bounds and Cox of Limestone.

To notify Senate: Messrs. Johnson of Dimmit, Kennedy, Turner, Allred and Van Zandt.

PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATURE TO MAKE INSPECTION TRIP TO PENITENTIARY.

Mr. Bradley offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Providing for visiting penitentiary.

Whereas, For many years the problem of the proper development of the

prison system of Texas has been a question confronting the people of this State; and

Whereas, It is of importance to the people of Texas that this issue be now properly met; and

Whereas, The paramount legislative problem confronting the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas is that of deciding upon and carrying out the proper solution to this problem; and

Whereas, The Forty-first Legislature has already expended large sums of money in the commendable effort to secure the needed information in intelligently considering the future of the penitentiary system of Texas; and

Whereas, The Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature authorized a Commission to thoroughly investigate this problem; and

Whereas, Said Commission has now made such investigation and has secured first-hand information on the penitentiary problems in many of the States of the American Union; and

Whereas, In order to supplement the information secured by said Commission, first-hand information by the members of the Legislature of the State of Texas will be invaluable to the proper discussion and solution of the problem of properly housing the penitentiary system of the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of five, to be composed of three members of the House, appointed by the Speaker, and two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, is hereby authorized and instructed to arrange for transportation and hotel accommodations and to make other necessary arrangements to take the members of the House and the Senate on an inspection trip to the State penitentiary at Huntsville, Walker county, Texas, and other penitentiary properties of the State, at the earliest hour practicable; be it further

Resolved, That full authority is hereby conferred on said committee to incur the expenses necessary for said trip by the Legislature of the State of Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That the necessary expenses incurred on said trip of inspection be paid out of the contingent fund upon proper affidavits being executed by members of said committee of five.

Signed—Bradley, DeWolfe, Hardy, Hogg, Morse, Petsch.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SENATE NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

GOVERNOR NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Wallace:

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the reorganization of the penitentiary system of the State of Texas; for the purchase of lands therefor; for construction of a central prison plant; providing for the disposition of the present penitentiary properties at Huntsville, Texas, and of certain of the farms now owned by the prison system."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Graves of Williamson:

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the prison system of Texas, and providing for the rehabilitation, renovation and concentration of the prison system of the State of Texas on the present site of the central prison and walls in the city of Huntsville, in Walker county, Texas," etc.

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM STATE TREASURER'S AND COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hereto attached statement of Hon. W. Gregory Hatcher,

State Treasurer, presenting the estimated condition of the general revenue fund at the close of business, January 15, 1930, and the statement of Hon. S. H. Terrell, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, showing the condition of the general revenue fund on January 16, 1930, and the estimated condition at the close of

the fiscal year, August 31, 1930, which statements were prepared at the instance of Hon. A. H. King, Representative, 113th District, to be printed in the Journal.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Treasury Department, State of Texas.

Austin, January 16, 1930.

Honorable A. H. King, Member of the Appropriations Committee, House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir: In compliance with your request, I beg to submit the following estimated condition of the general revenue fund at close of business January 15, 1930:

Estimated outstanding warrants January 2.....	\$2,739,557	
Cash balance January 2.....	109,126	
Estimated deficit January 2.....		\$2,630,431
Disbursements January 2 to 15, inclusive.....	\$1,754,035	
Due school and pension funds.....	1,677,000	
Total disbursements		\$3,431,035
Grand total outstanding warrants and disbursements....		6,061,466
Receipts January 2 to 15, inclusive.....		2,795,169
Estimated net deficiency January 15, 1930.....		\$3,266,297

Yours very truly,

W. GREGORY HATCHER,
State Treasurer.

Austin, Texas, January 16, 1930.

Hon. A. H. King, Representative 113th District, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Complying with your request for a statement from me showing the condition of general revenue fund on January 16, 1930, and the estimated condition at the close of the fiscal year August 31, 1930, I herewith submit the following:

Charges Against General Revenue Fund, Year Ending August 31, 1930.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, September 1, 1929, there was a cash deficit against General Revenue Fund amounting to.....		\$ 316,130.11
Total appropriations by the 41st Legislature.....	\$23,353,592.00	
There has been warrants issued to the amount of..	7,403,332.01	
Total unexpended appropriations September 1, 1930		15,950,259.99
Unexpended prior appropriations September 1, 1929.....	\$2,245,313.48	
There have been warrants issued to the amount of.....	1,230,524.31	
Total unexpended prior appropriations January 15, 1930		1,014,789.17
Total charge against General Revenue Fund for the remainder of the fiscal year August 31, 1930....		\$17,281,179.27

Credits, General Revenue Fund, Year Ending August 31, 1930.

Gross receipts taxes arising from the levy of 30c on the \$100.00 assessed valuation of \$4,210,105,462, amounting to.....	\$12,630,316.38
Less estimated amount of taxes that is remitted to the various counties...\$1,136,241.96	
Less amount to cover assessing, collecting and delinquents.....	2,292,909.24 3,429,191.20 \$ 9,201,165.18
Estimated receipts from all sources other than tax on property based on the sums received for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1929.....	14,131,962.51
Total estimated receipts for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1930.....	\$23,333,127.69
Less the amount that has been collected to January 15, 1930	6,553,685.87
Total estimated receipts for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1930.....	\$16,779,441.82
Estimated cash deficit September 1, 1930.....	501,737.45
Total	\$17,281,179.27

In compiling this statement I have not taken into consideration any increase, nor have I deducted for any decrease, in the collection of taxes for the present fiscal year. The figures shown above as to the amount of warrants that have been issued and receipts that have been collected are taken from the records of this office from September 1, 1929, to January 15, 1930.

The estimated cash deficit that is shown September 1, 1930, is taken into consideration that all of the appropriations above mentioned will be expended. However, the past records have shown that there is an amount of appropriations that lap over from one fiscal year to another, and I would judge that the same conditions will exist this year.

I agree with the statement as reported by Hon. W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer, as to there being a cash deficit of approximately \$3,176,297.00 January 15, 1930, as shown by the records of this department.

I hope the above information will serve its purpose, and at any time I can be of service to you, command me.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. H. TERRELL,
State Comptroller of Public Accounts.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Van Zandt moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit moved that the House recess to 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Van Zandt prevailed and the House, accordingly, at 1:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

(Tuesday, January 21, 1930.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Barron.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Conway.
Acker.	Cox of Lamar.
Ackerman.	Cox of Limestone.
Adkins.	Davis.
Albritton.	DeWolfe.
Allred.	Dunlap.
Anderson.	Duvall.
Avis.	Enderby.
Baker.	Eickenroht.
Baldwin.	Farrar.
Barnett.	Finn.
Bateman.	Finlay.
Beck.	Forbes.
Bond.	Gates.
Bounds.	Gilbert.
Bradley.	Giles.
Brice.	Graves
Brooks.	of Williamson.
Carpenter.	Graves of Erath.
Chastain.	Hardy.
Coltrin.	Harding.